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Very sorry to hear Murphy decision. Will be great disappointment Chancellor. I am disturbed over interval between formal announcement my resignation and appointment successor. Suggest this should be short as possible. Chancellor's nature is such he might have undesirable suspicions about second class treatment.

Think under these changed circumstances you might wish consider not announcing my resignation next week and have me come home on consultation. I would leave here October 30 as intended. If President and you wished, I would postpone effective date resignation until successor's name ready for presentation Fedrep.

Whatever decision is made would of course be thoroughly agreeable to me. I would not be embarrassed in slightest if above procedure were followed, nor would there be any difficulty in my explaining it to Chancellor if so authorized.

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Last night in Berlin I gave the servants and others the same as last Christmas; the total was DM 355, 19 bottles of gin and 11 bottles of scotch. In addition, I gave the household people several bottles of gin and scotch and an assortment of wines and liqueurs. The items were as follows:

Else	DM	80
Ingrid		80
Frieda		80
Klaus		80
Mailman		10
4 trashmen		20
Chimney sweep		5
8 Guards	2 gin and 1 scotch each	
Gardener	3 gin and 3 scotch	

I now intend to make the following distribution at the house, exclusive of a considerable quantity of wine and liquors I intend to leave for them.

Ernst	DM	400
Adele		80
Elsbeth		100
Helga		80
Hilda		80
Traute		80
Jutta		40
Leo		80
Fritz		100 - 4 gin and 4 scotch
Leonardo		200
Herr Jung(office)		20
2 Mailmen		20
Packageman		10
4-5 Trashmen		20
2 Newspapermen		10
Chimney Sweep		5
	DM	1325.

For the train again it will be the same as last year, namely:

Paul	DM 80 - 2 gin and 2 scotch
Ehrich	40 - 2 gin and 2 scotch
Mickey	60 - 2 gin and 2 scotch
Max	80 - 2 gin and 2 scotch
4 Crew Members	- - 2 gin and 2 scotch each
	DM 260 - 16 gin and 16 scotch

Saturday, October 24, 1959

I had a telegram from the Secretary this morning (page 62).

Bill Burden flew down from Brussels, Frank Schoonmaker motored over from Trier, and they lunched with me, together with Henry Pleasants and Bill Tyler. We had the following menu:

Saumon Fume
Gigot de Mouton
Fromage
Fruits
Ockfener Bockstein feinste Auslese 1949
Chateau Pichon Lalande 1921
Chateau Smith Haut Lafite 1928
Chateau Cheval Blanc 1929

During and after lunch there was a great deal and, I thought, fascinating talk about wine. Schoonmaker's book on German wine has sold over 25,000 copies in the American edition alone. There seems to be no phase of the business on which he is not well informed, and he converses on the subject in an engaging way.

I spent the rest of the afternoon sitting to Herr von Bismarck. This was our last session together, but I am not to see the result until next Tuesday.